

Notice of Intent to Allow One-on-One Exchanges with Potential Offerors with respect to FNAL Draft RFP DE-RP02-06CH11359

The Department of Energy (DOE) is expanding the scope of the Public Comment on the FNAL Draft Request for Proposals (RFP) by inviting interested potential offerors to conduct one-on-one exchanges with appropriate members of the Source Evaluation Board (SEB). The one-on-one exchanges are principally intended to afford potential offerors the opportunity to direct specific questions, comments and concerns related to the draft RFP to the SEB. However, the SEB may, at its discretion, respond substantively to any such questions, comments or concerns either during the one-on-one exchange or shortly thereafter. Any such response(s) may be directed solely to the potential offeror that raised the question, comment or concern, or may be posted on the RFP website, as appropriate. In providing any responses, DOE will be guided by the principles of 48 CFR § 15.201(f), which provides in part that:

When specific information about a proposed acquisition that would be necessary for the preparation of proposals is disclosed to one or more potential offerors, that information must be made available to the public as soon as practicable, but no later than the next general release of information, in order to avoid creating an unfair competitive advantage. Information provided to a potential offeror in response to its request must not be disclosed if doing so would reveal the potential offeror's confidential business strategy, and is protected under 3.104 or Subpart 24.2.

The one-on-one exchanges will be conducted the week of May 22, 2006 and will consist of two-hour sessions scheduled on a first-come-first-served basis. The sessions may be conducted telephonically or in person, at the potential offerors' discretion. In-person sessions will be conducted at the DOE Chicago Office located on the site of Argonne National Laboratory. For in-person sessions, each entity is allowed to bring a maximum of 12 individuals.

If you wish to participate in a one-on-one exchange with the SEB, the attached form must be received by Tonja Stokes, Source Evaluation Board Executive Secretary, no later than 12:00 p.m. Central Time on May 15, 2006. Forms should be returned to her via fax at (630) 252-5045 or e-mail at tonja.stokes@ch.doe.gov.